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In re: Patent application of : Atty. Docket:
Doug Ulbrich et al. : 9325-3CT1 (156244)
Serial No.: Not yet assigned : Continuation of 09/064,658
Filed: Herewith : filed April 23, 1998
For: SPLICE FOR A HEAT SHRINKABLE : Prior Examiner:
LABEL : M. Patterson
: Prior Art Unit: 1772

CONTINUATION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner of Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, DC 20231

This is the transmittal of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Particulars of Prior Application

- A. The prior application is identified as Serial No. 09/064,658, and was filed April 23, 1998.
- B. Title "Splice for a Heat Shrinkable Label".

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Copy of Application

The application specification is being filed herewith as follows:

[x] 11 pages of specification, including 4 pages of claims

[x] 1 page of abstract

[x] 2 sheets of drawings

Power of Attorney

The power of attorney in the prior application and for the present application is to

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The power does not appear in the original papers filed with the parent application, but was filed on September 18, 1998. A copy of this prior power of attorney as executed is attached.

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Amendments

All amendments made during the prosecution of the parent application have been included in the text as filed herewith. The amendments made over and above those in the parent application are described in a preliminary communication filed herewith. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith.

Relate Back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

The specification as filed herewith includes a cross reference to copending application Serial No. 09/064,658, filed on April 23, 1998.

Inventorship Statement

The inventors in the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 are the same as in the present application.

Assignment

The parent application is assigned to Sonoco Development, Inc. This assignment was recorded on October 28, 1999, at Reel 10338, Frame 0037. This assignment includes of all continuation and divisional applications related to the invention and the prior application.

Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

The present application is being filed during the pendency of the prior related application in that a Notice of Appeal has been filed on September 14, 2001. A request for an extension of time has been submitted in the prior application. The extension request of three months resets the deadline for filing the appeal brief to February 14, 2002.

A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is included herewith.

Abandonment of Prior Application

Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

Notification in Parent Application of the Filing of this Continuation Application

A notification of the filing of this continuing application is being filed in the parent application from which this application claims priority. A copy of this notice is attached hereto.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION			
Number filed	Number	Extra Rate	Basic Filing Fee = \$740.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)) ***	23-20=3	x \$ 18.00	\$54.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)) ***	6-3=3	x \$ 84.00	\$252.00
Multiple Dependent Claims(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))		\$260.00	\$0

Total Filing Fee

\$ 1046.00**Fee Payment Being Made At this Time**

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Small Entity Status

Applicant does not claim small entity status.

Authorization To Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper or during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

☒ 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

☒ 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

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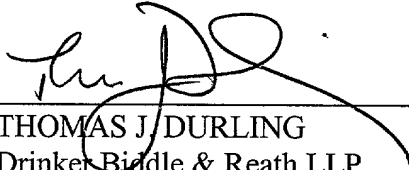
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